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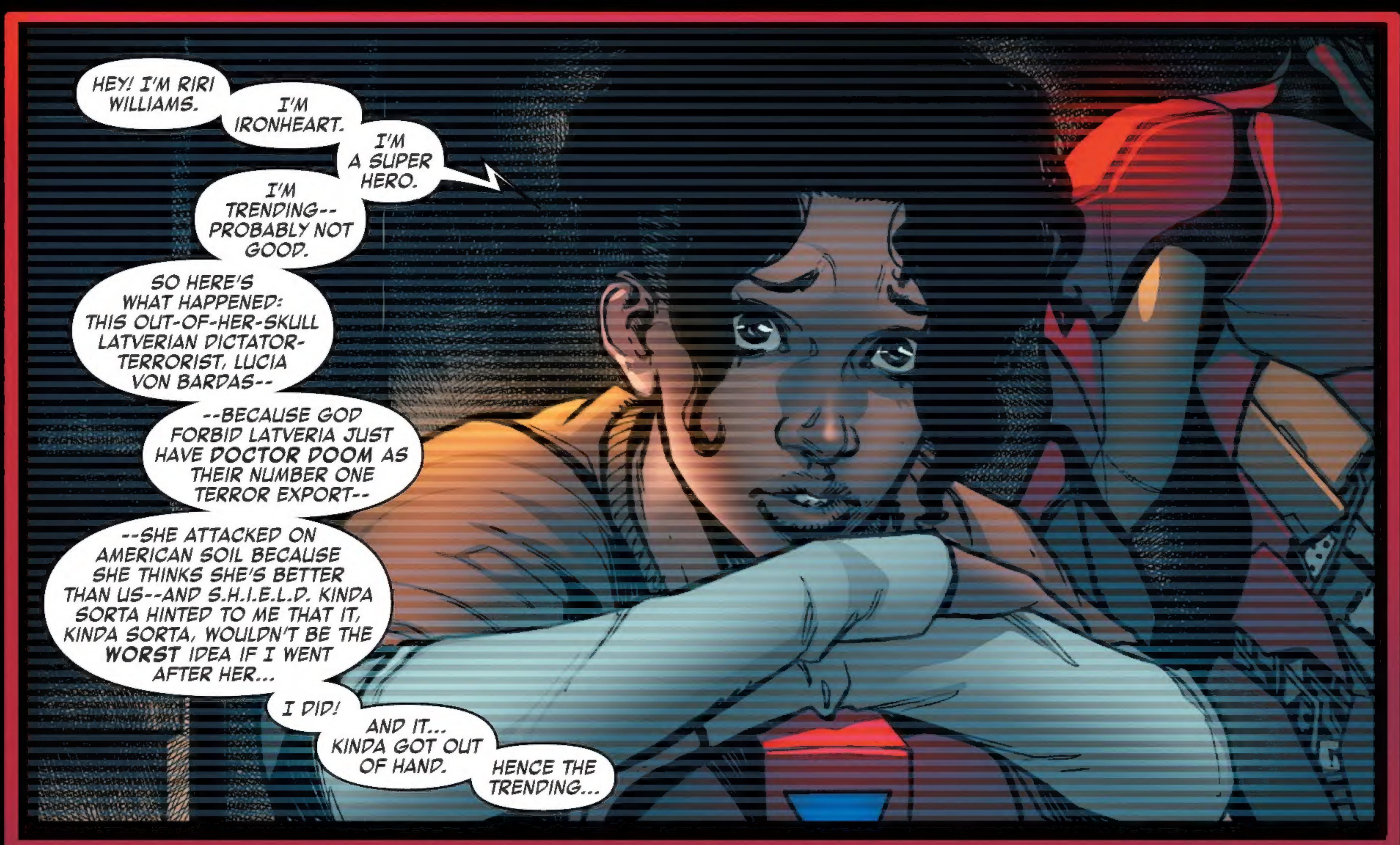
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HELICARRIER**  
FLOATING WORLD HEADQUARTERS OF  
THE U.N. PEACEKEEPING TASK FORCE.  
PRESENT LOCATION: OVER LATVERIA.

HMM.

YOU SURE  
THIS IS A GOOD  
IDEA, COMMANDER  
CARTER?

WHAT  
CHOICE DO  
I HAVE?

YOU COULD  
JUST LEAVE IT.  
LET IT WORK  
ITSELF OUT.

FUNNY.

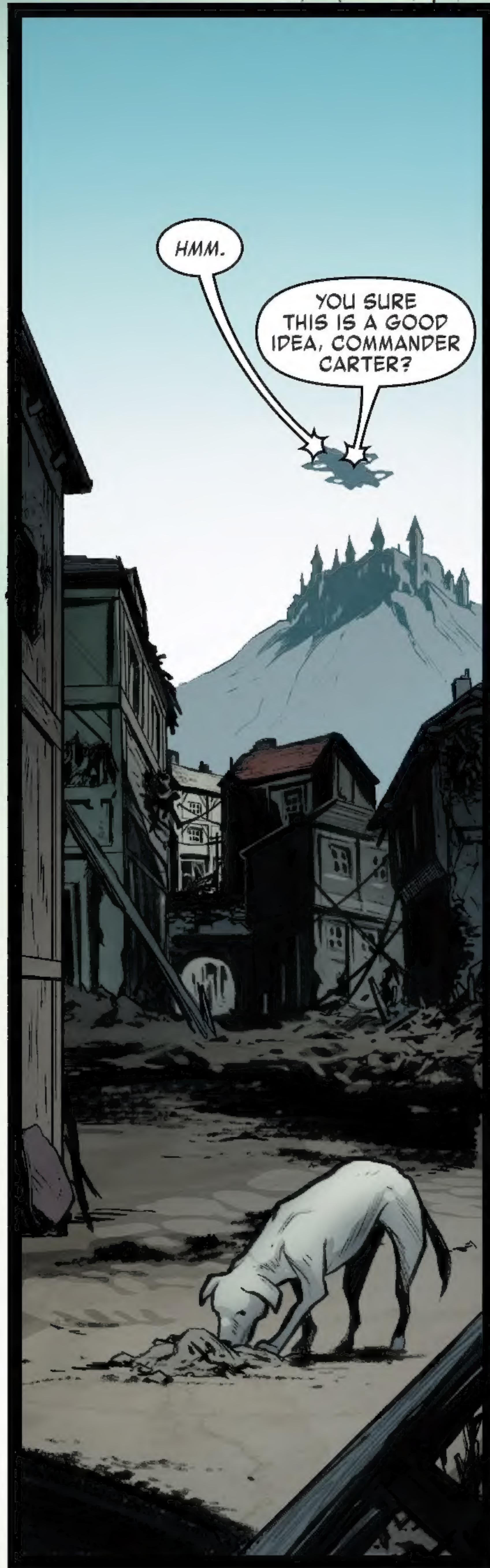
ONLY HALF  
KIDDING.

YOU'RE HALF  
SERIOUS?

IF YOU  
THINK ABOUT  
IT--

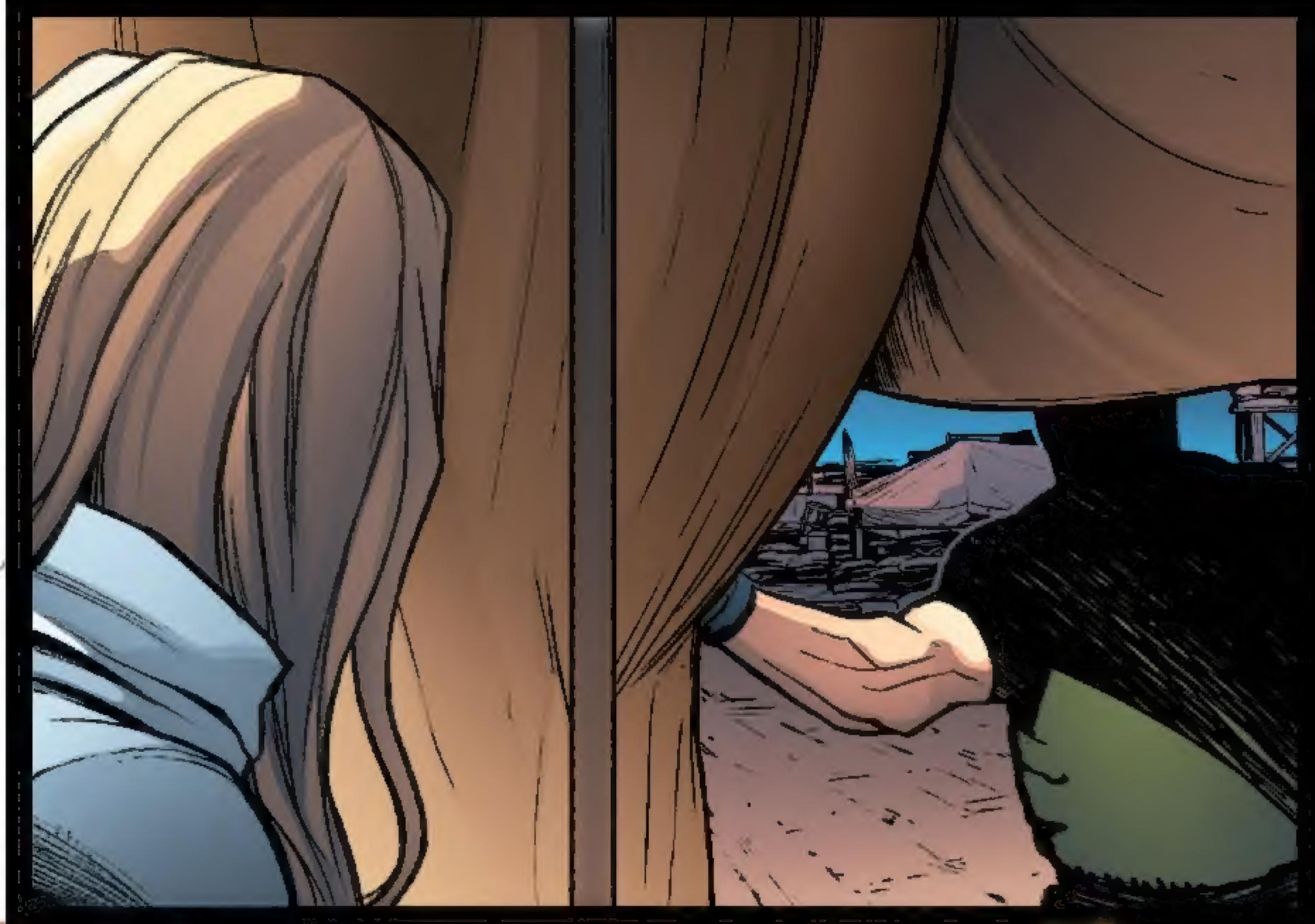
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ABOUT IT?

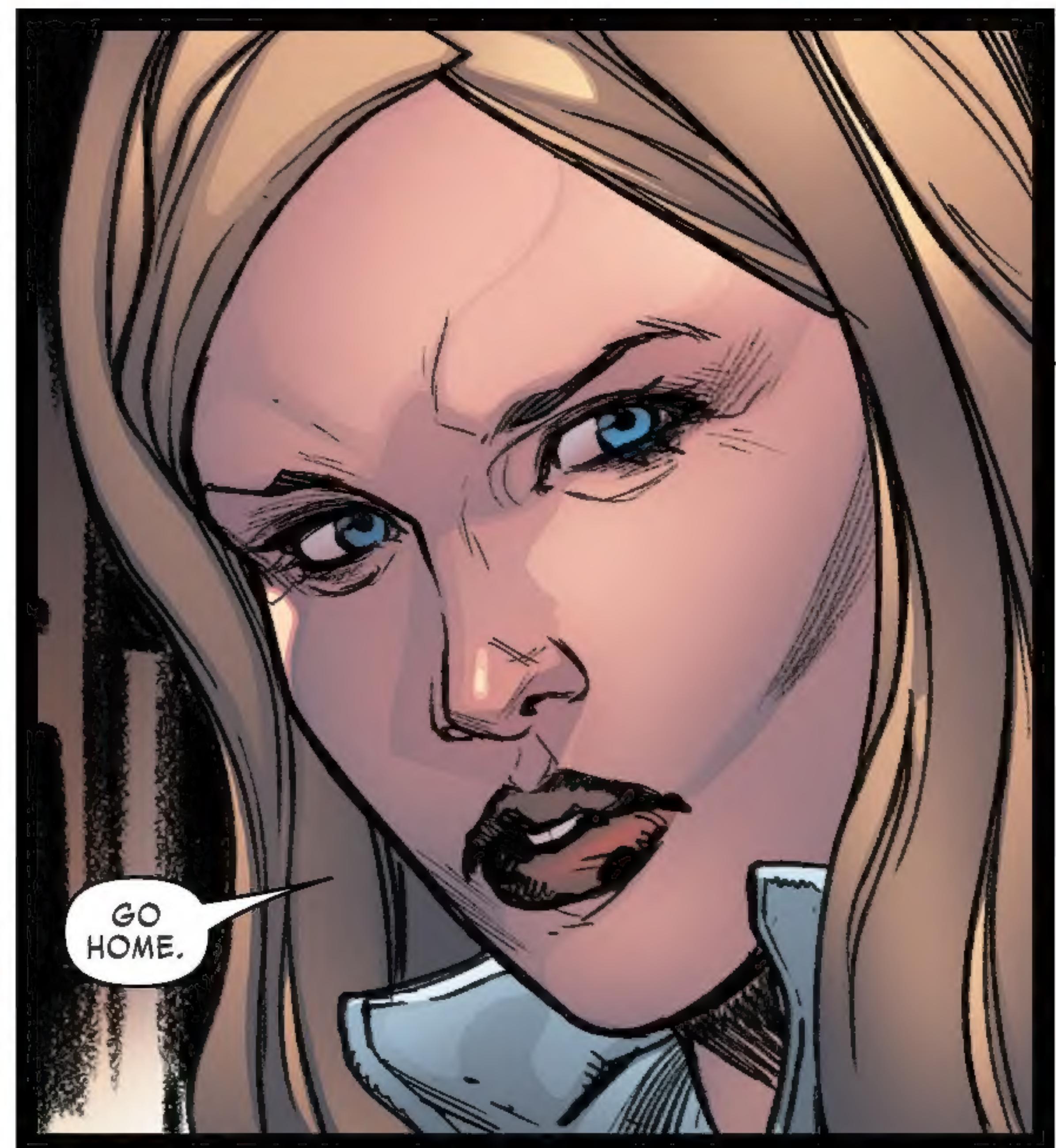
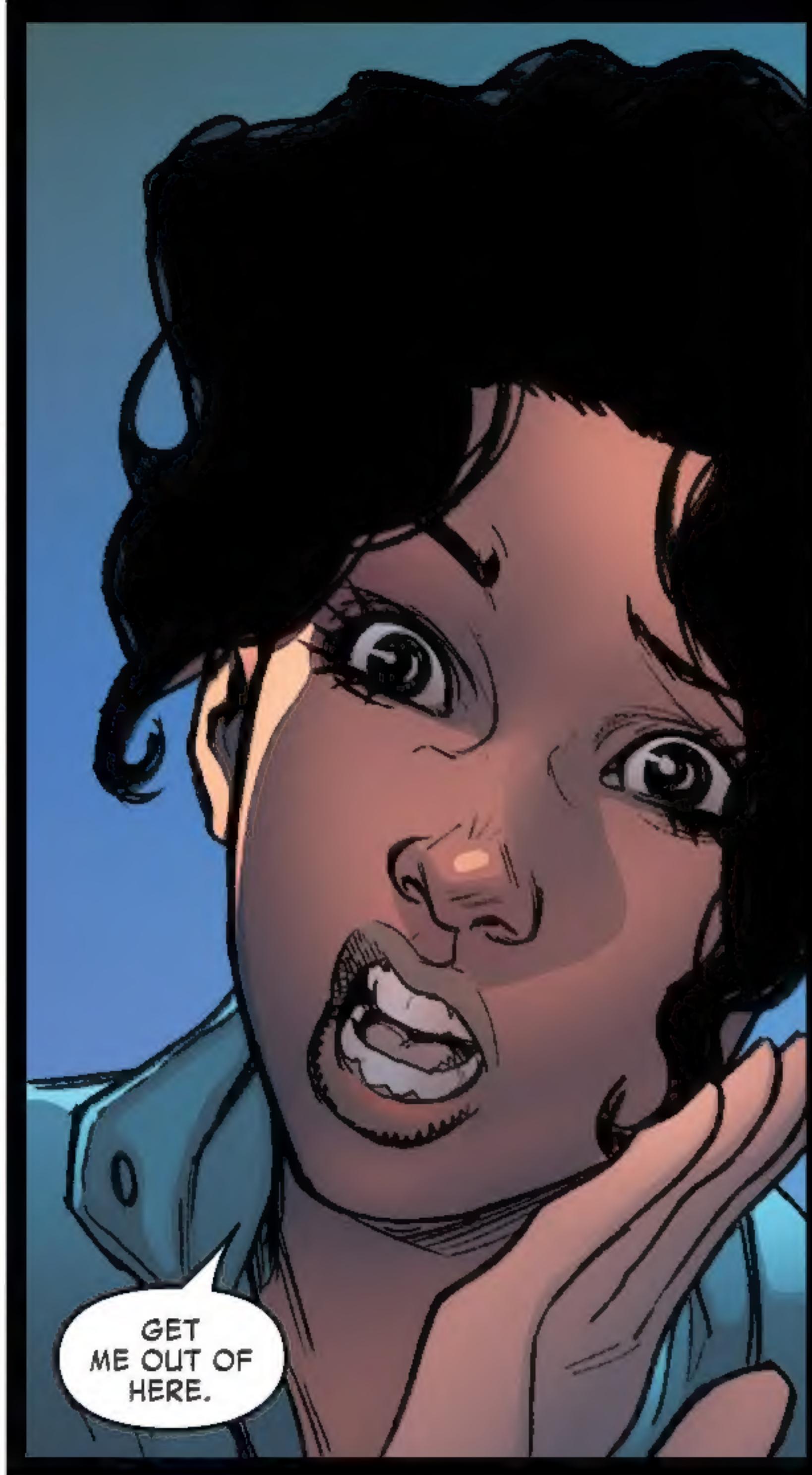
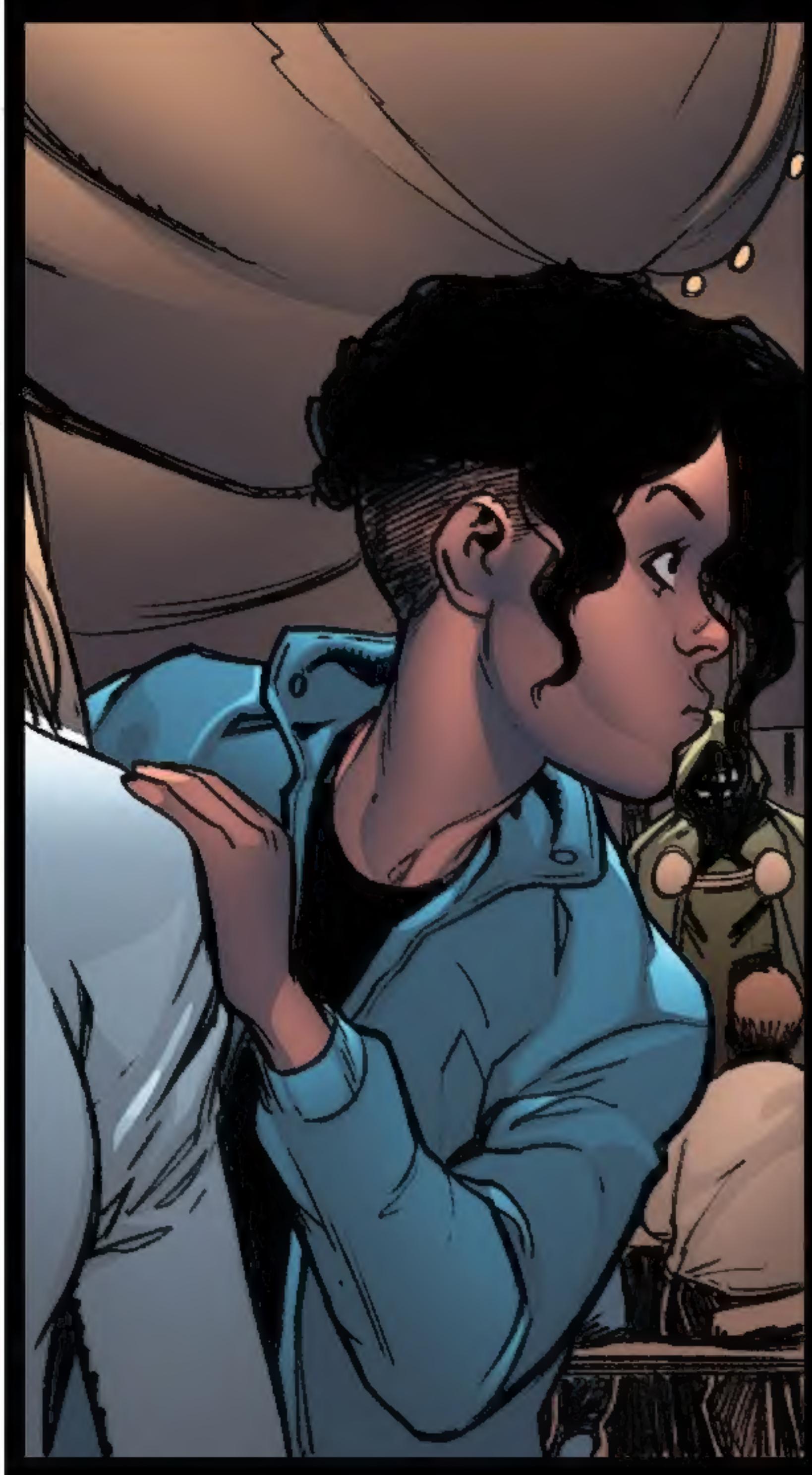
THIS IS  
NUTS.













FOUR  
HOURS  
AGO...

WELL, IF THIS WERE  
YOUR COUNTRY, THEN I  
THINK, BY ANY DEFINITION,  
WHAT JUST HAPPENED  
HERE IS...

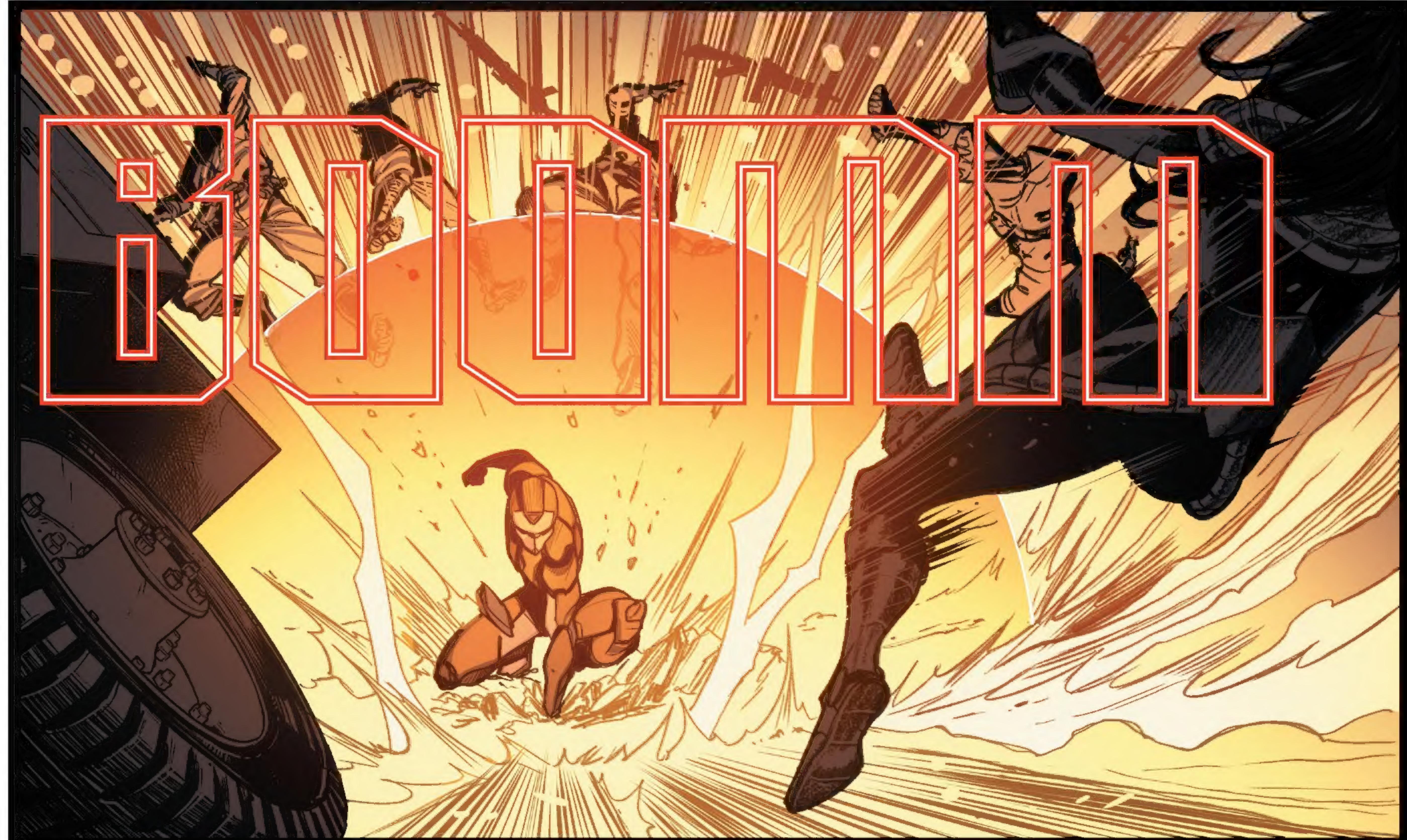
...I JUST  
TOOK IT.

SO TRY TO SHOW  
SOME RESPECT TO  
THE NEW QUEEN  
OF LATVERIA!

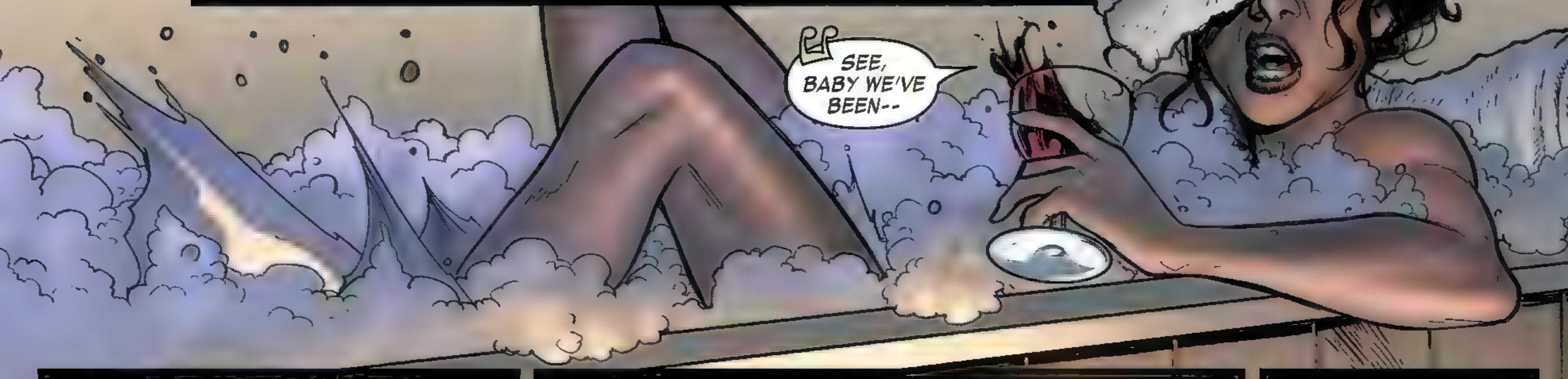
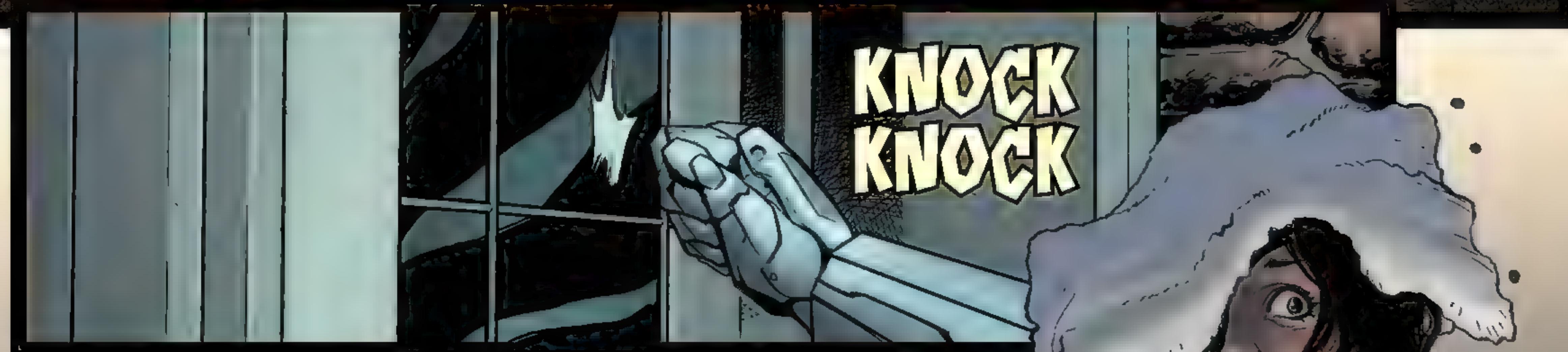
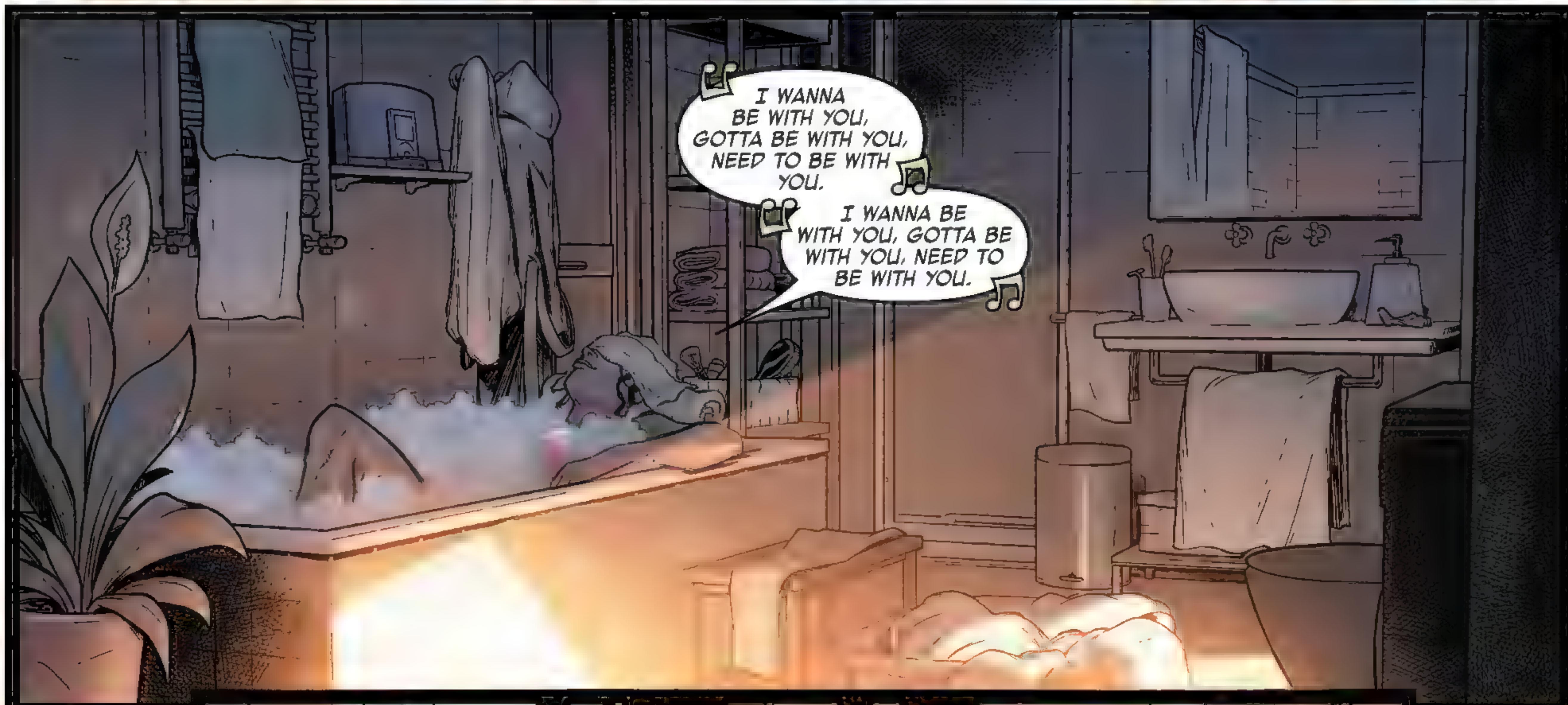


LATVERIA  
IS MINE!

NUH-UH.



CHICAGO.



MA'AM,  
I HAVE TO ASK  
YOU, WERE YOU AWARE OF  
YOUR DAUGHTER'S PLANS TO  
OVERTHROW AND TAKE CONTROL  
OF THE SOVEREIGN MONARCHY  
OF LATVERIA?

NO.

SHE  
NEVER MENTIONED  
ANYTHING?

I DO FEEL I  
WOULD REMEMBER  
THAT.

MA'AM, AS HER ONLY LIVING RELATIVE, DO  
YOU CONSIDER YOURSELF A MEMBER  
OF MISS WILLIAMS' ROYAL  
FAMILY?

AND IS YOUR  
INTENTION FOR  
THIS PROPERTY TO  
BE APPROPRIATED AS  
AN EMBASSY TO  
LATVERIA?

UH...

I THINK  
I NEED MY  
LAWYER.

# LATVERIA.

WHERE'S  
LUCIA VON  
BARDAS?

I'M  
FREAKING YOU  
OUT.

ONLY  
COMPLETELY.

I  
SAID YOU  
WOULD.

I  
BEAT THE BAD  
GUY.

SURE.

SHE WAS  
TRYING TO TAKE  
OVER THIS COUNTRY  
AND THROW IT  
AT YOU.

SO I  
TOOK IT AWAY  
FROM HER.

DID I  
DO SOMETHING  
WRONG?

YOU  
OVERTHREW A  
GOVERNMENT.

I DON'T WANT  
TO UNDERMINE  
THE ACHIEVEMENT,  
BUT IT'S REALLY--IT'S  
NOT MUCH OF A  
GOVERNMENT.

DEATH TO  
OPPRESSION!

GIVE US  
BACK OUR  
HOME!

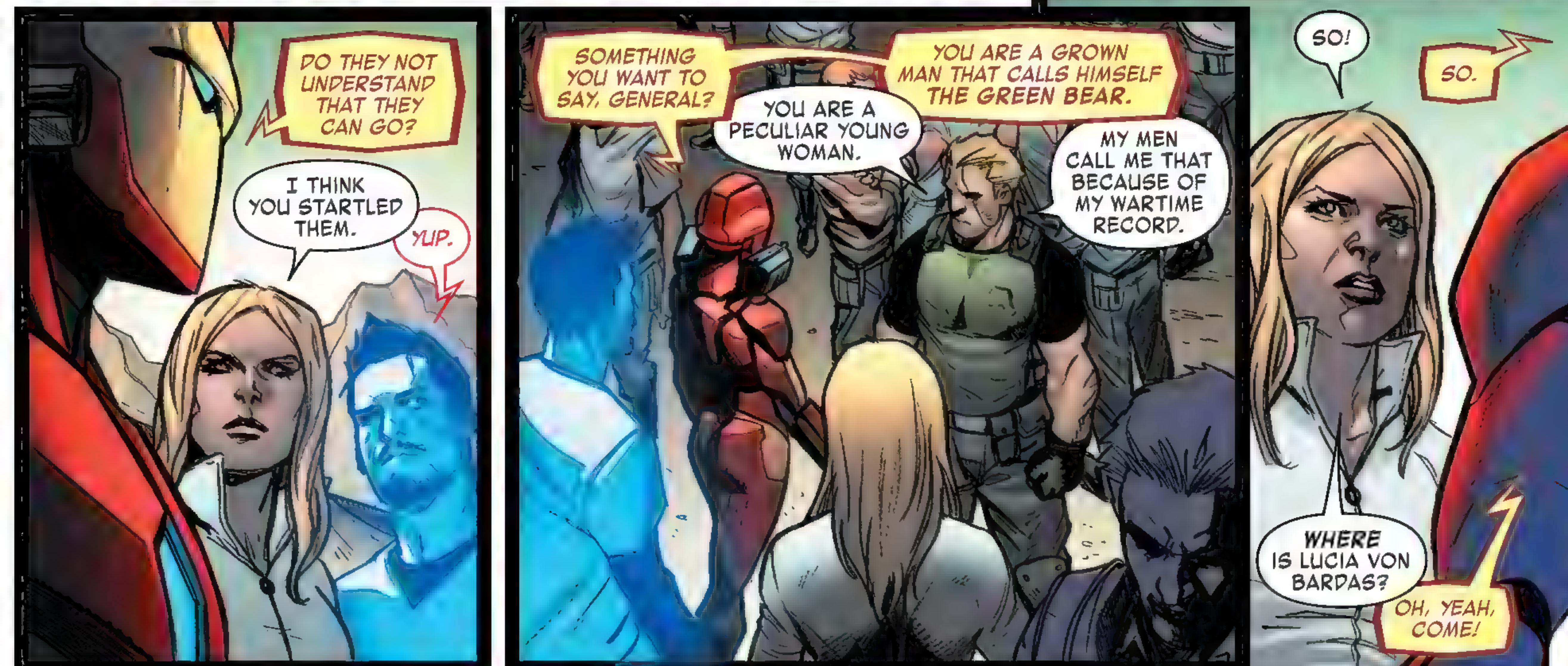
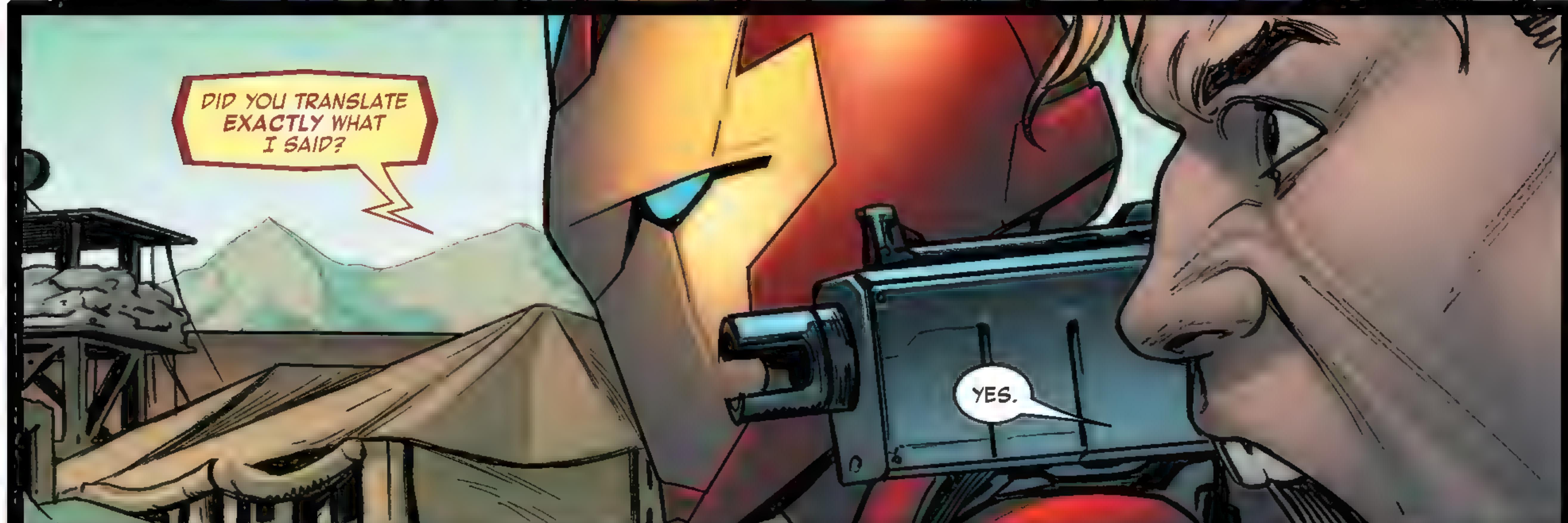
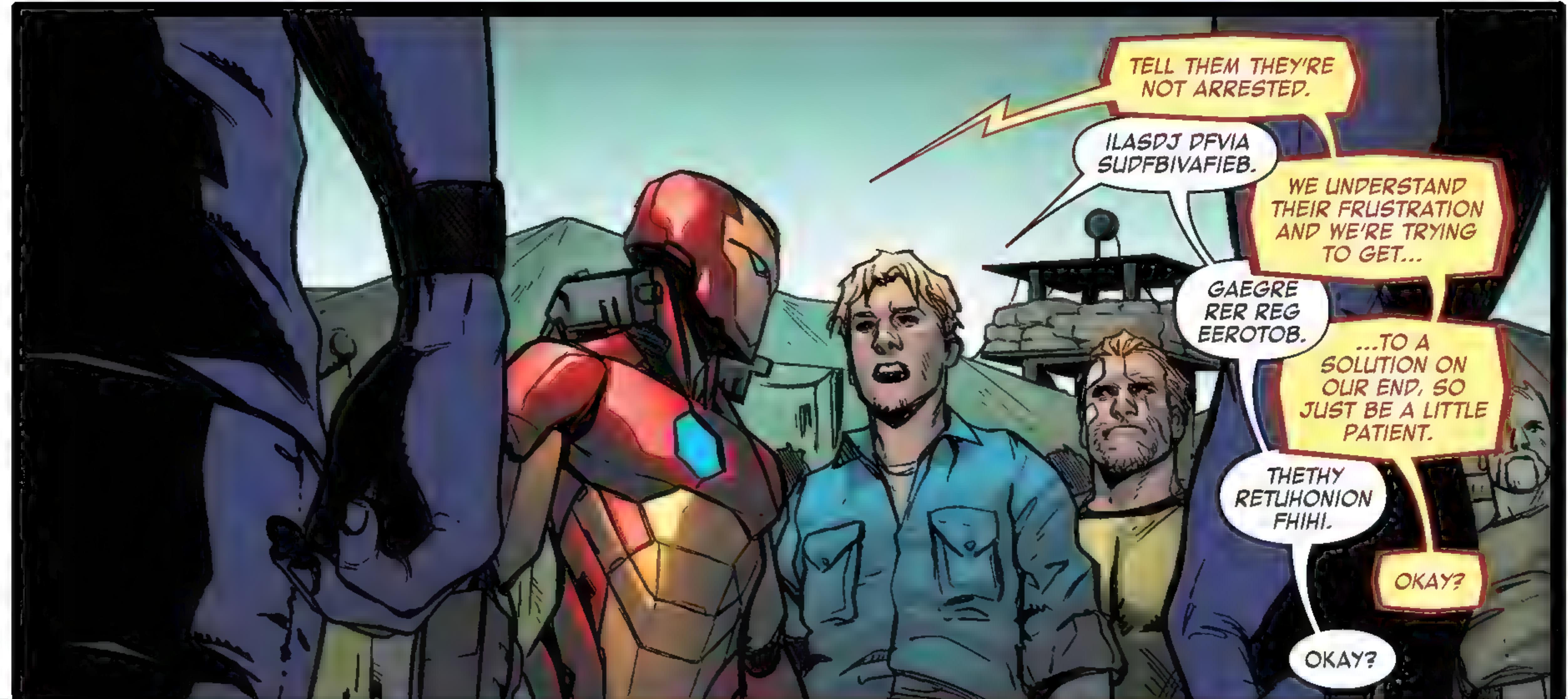
HEY!  
NO!  
WE'RE NOT  
DOING THIS!

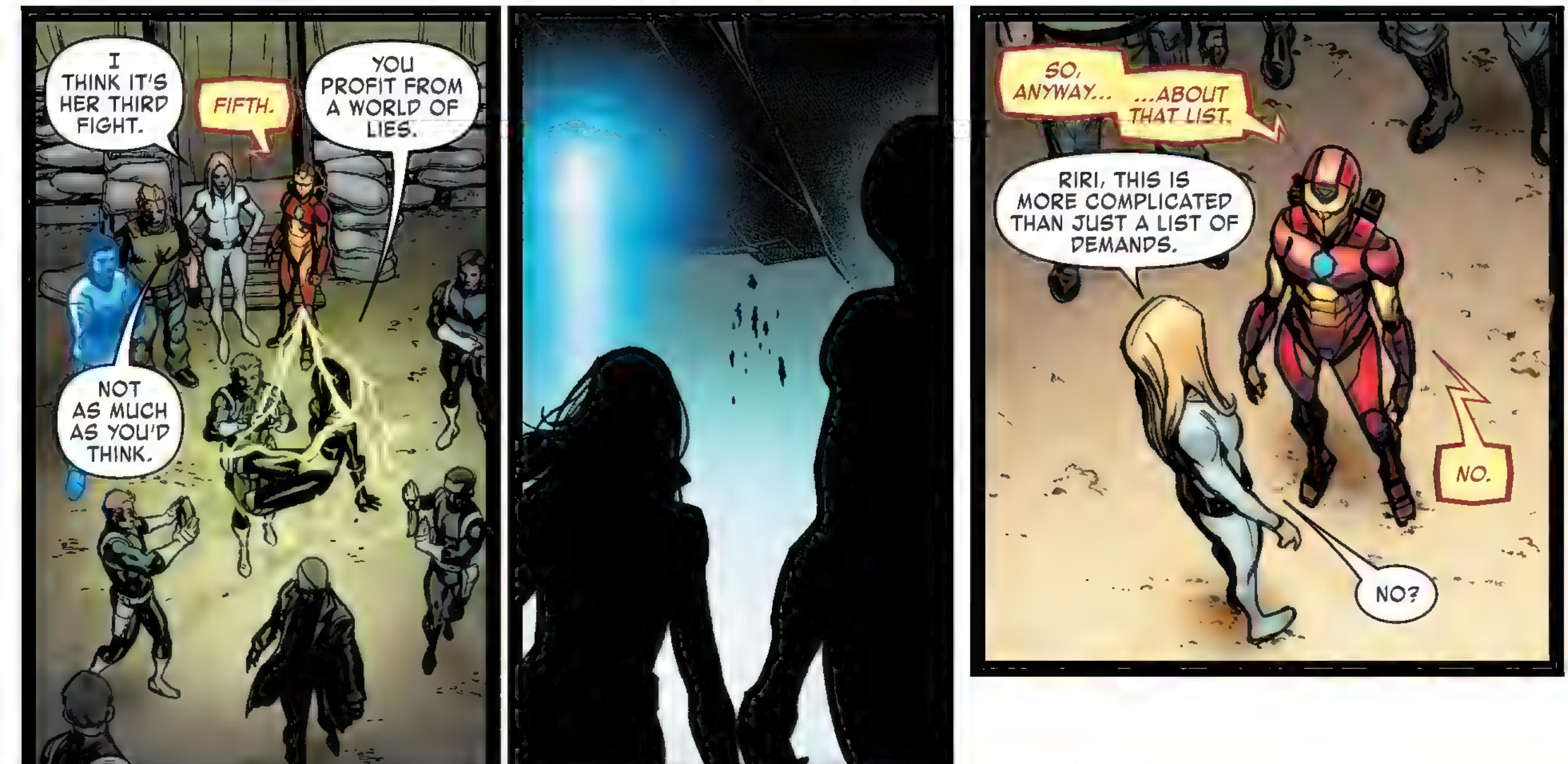
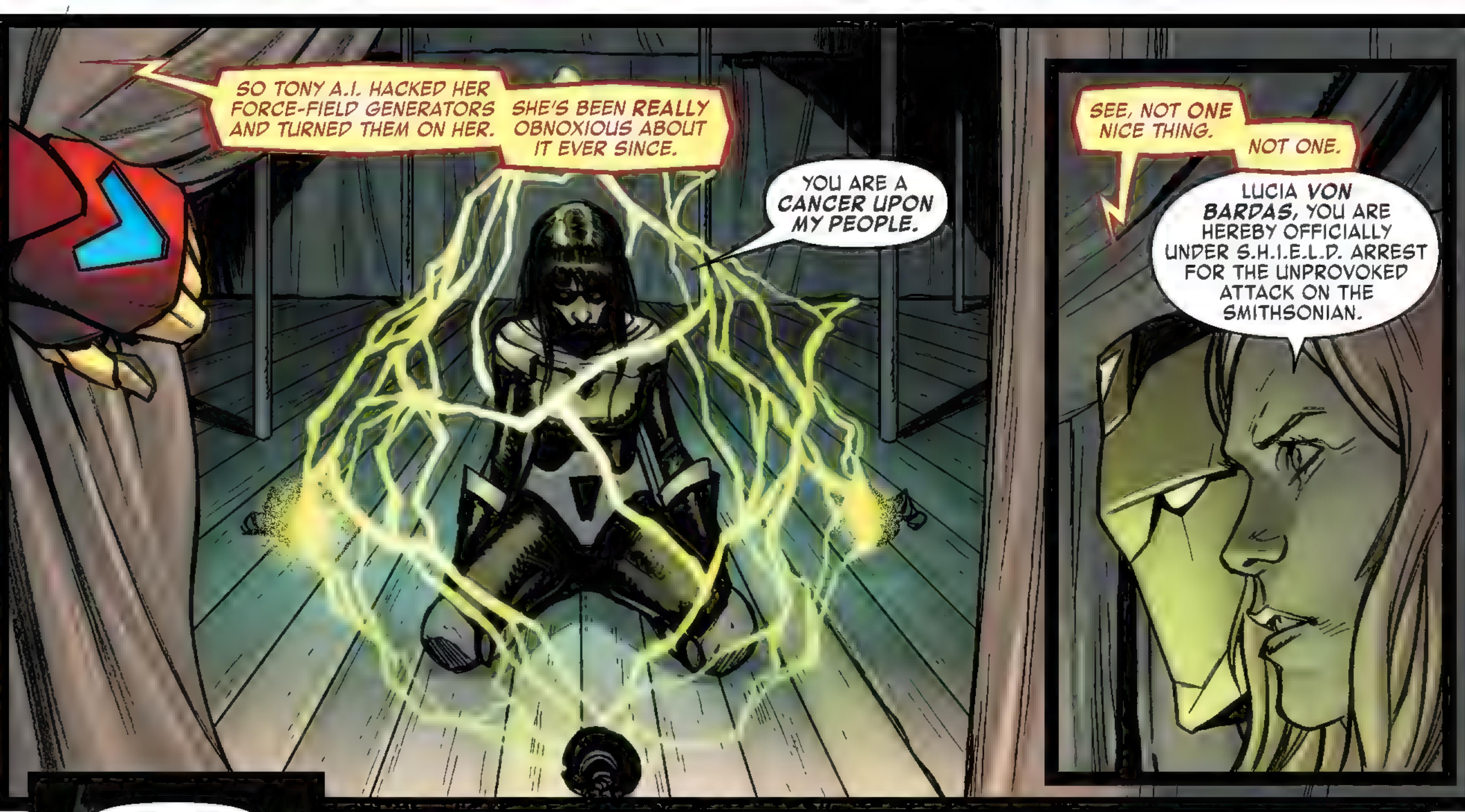
AGENTS,  
FALL BACK!

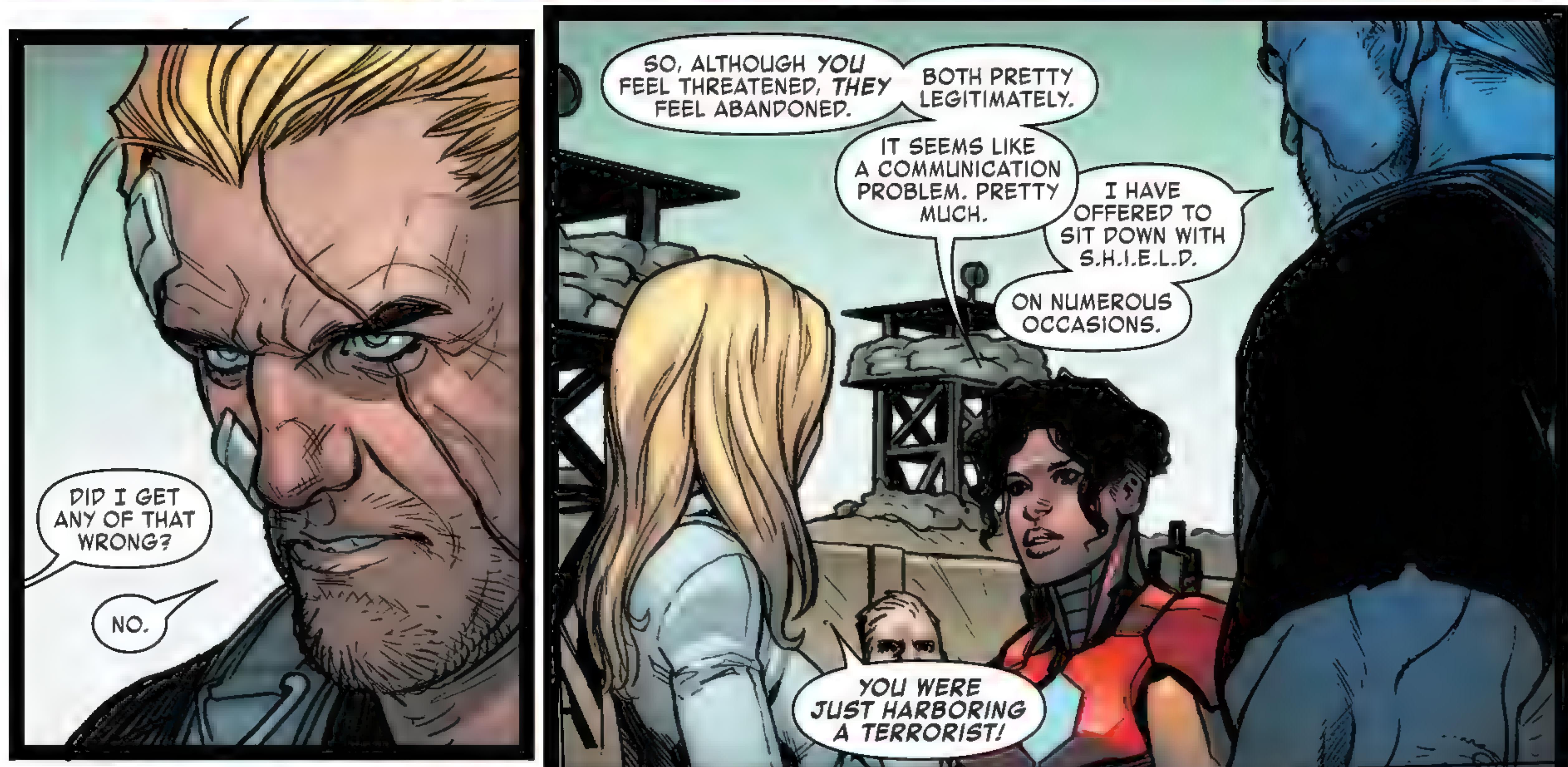
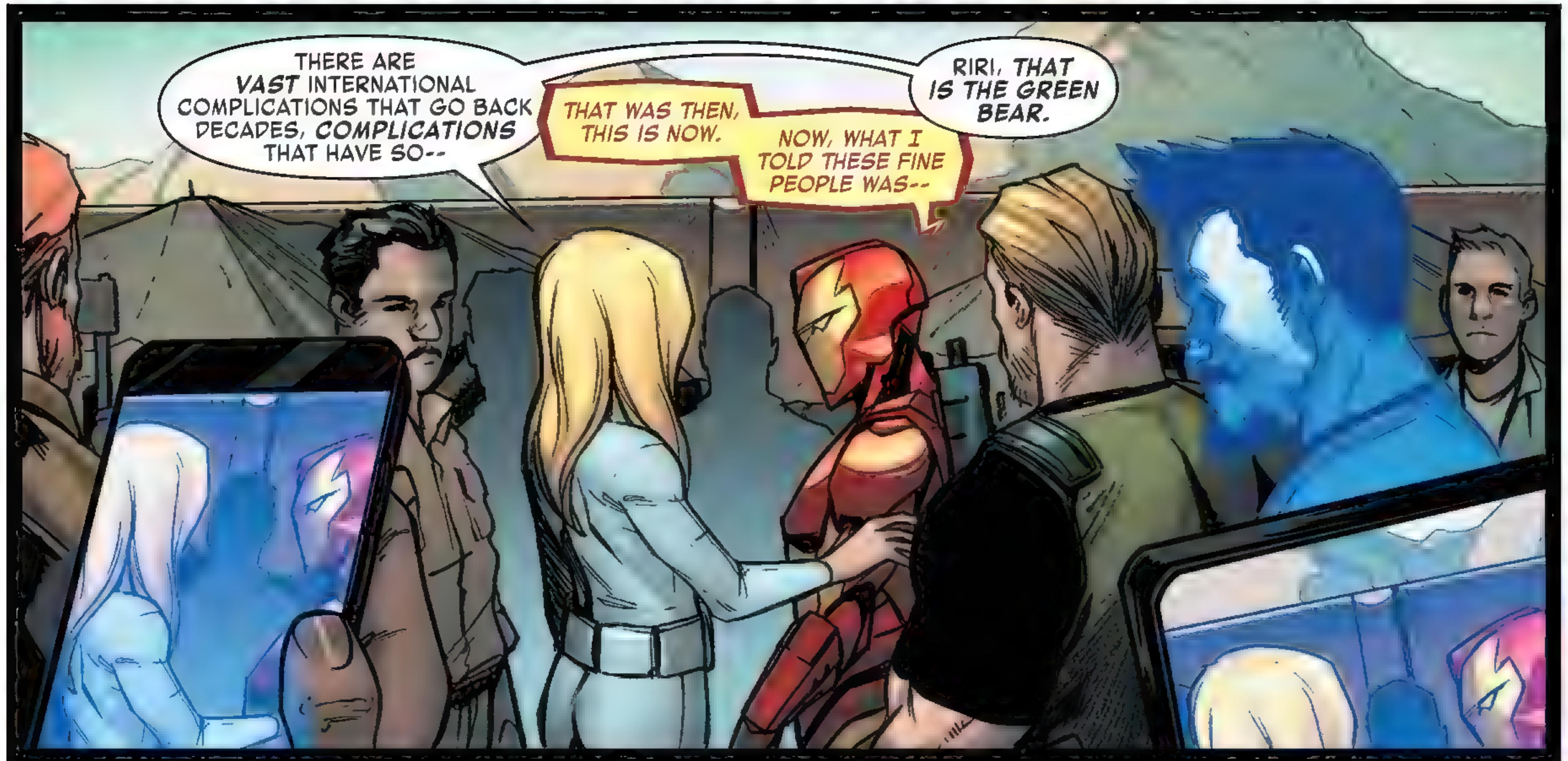
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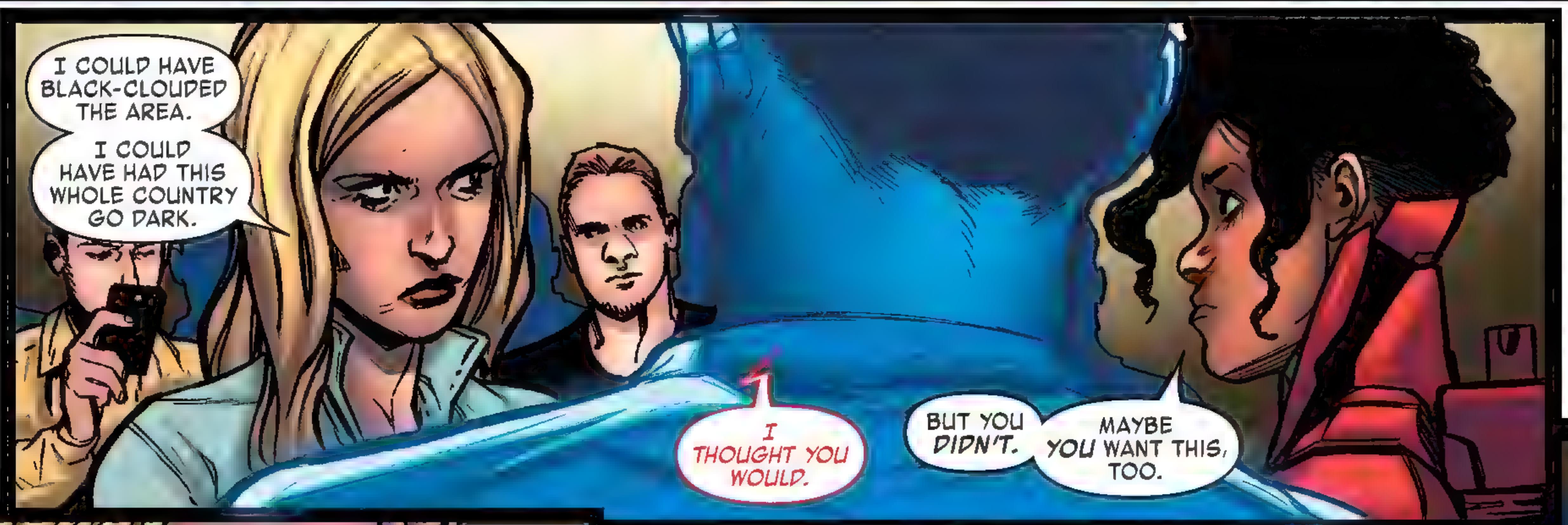
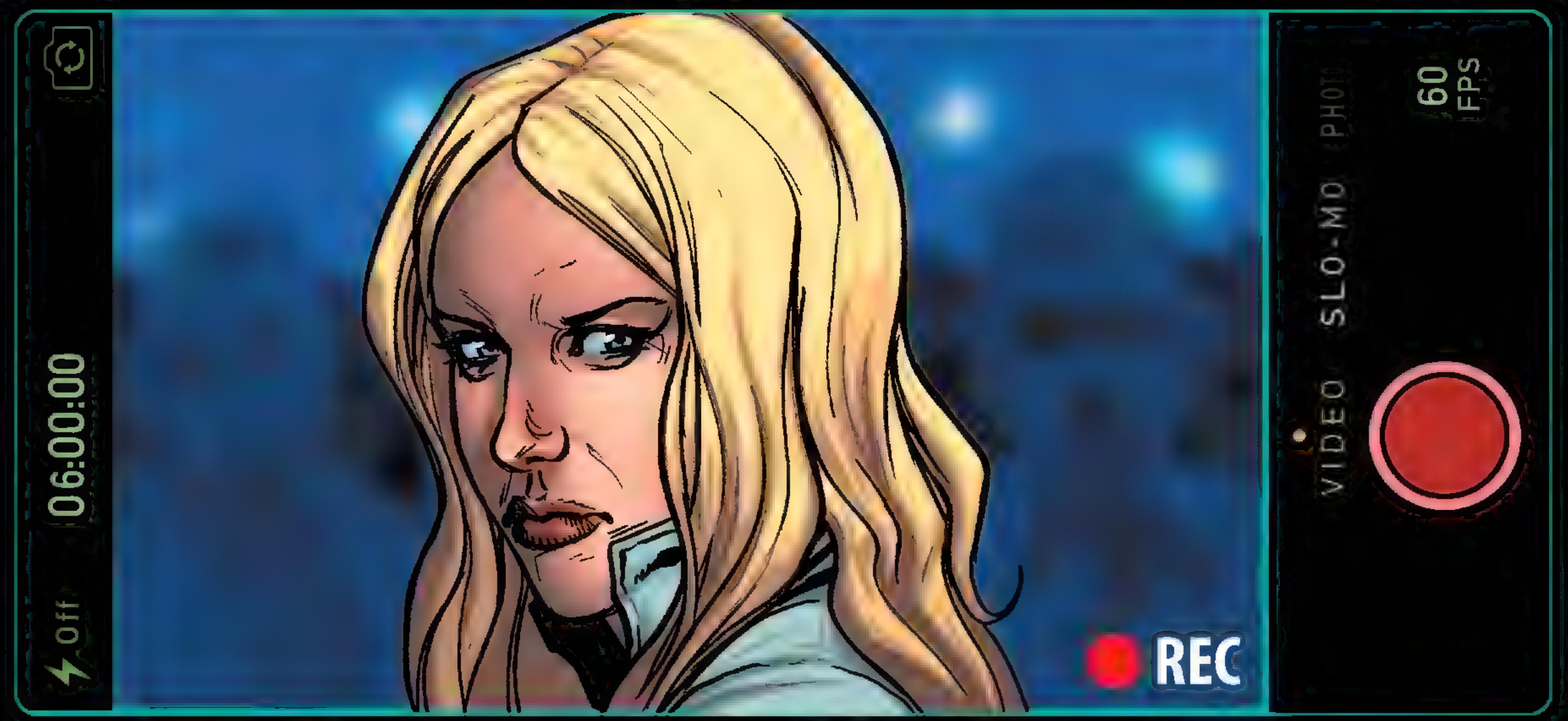
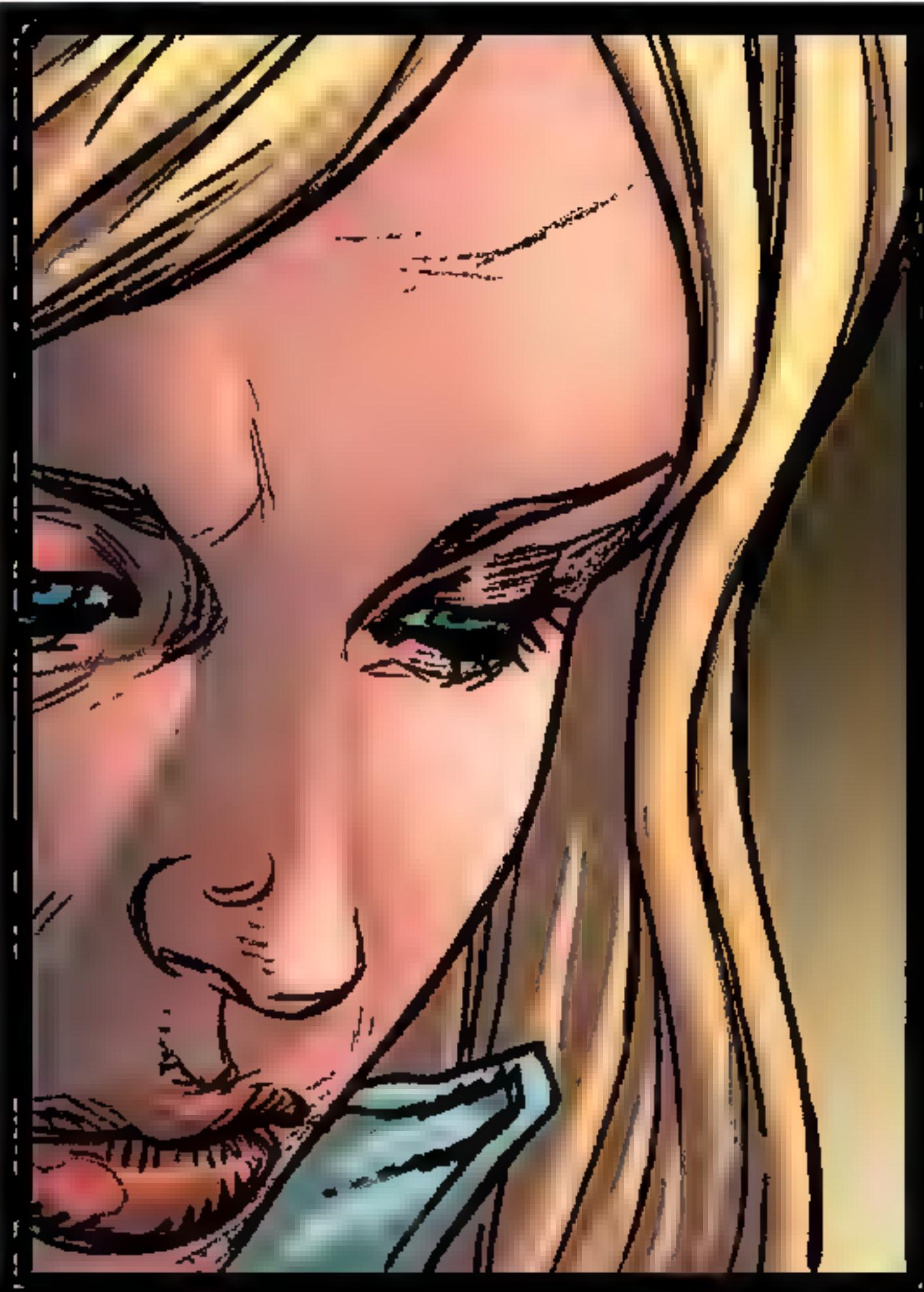
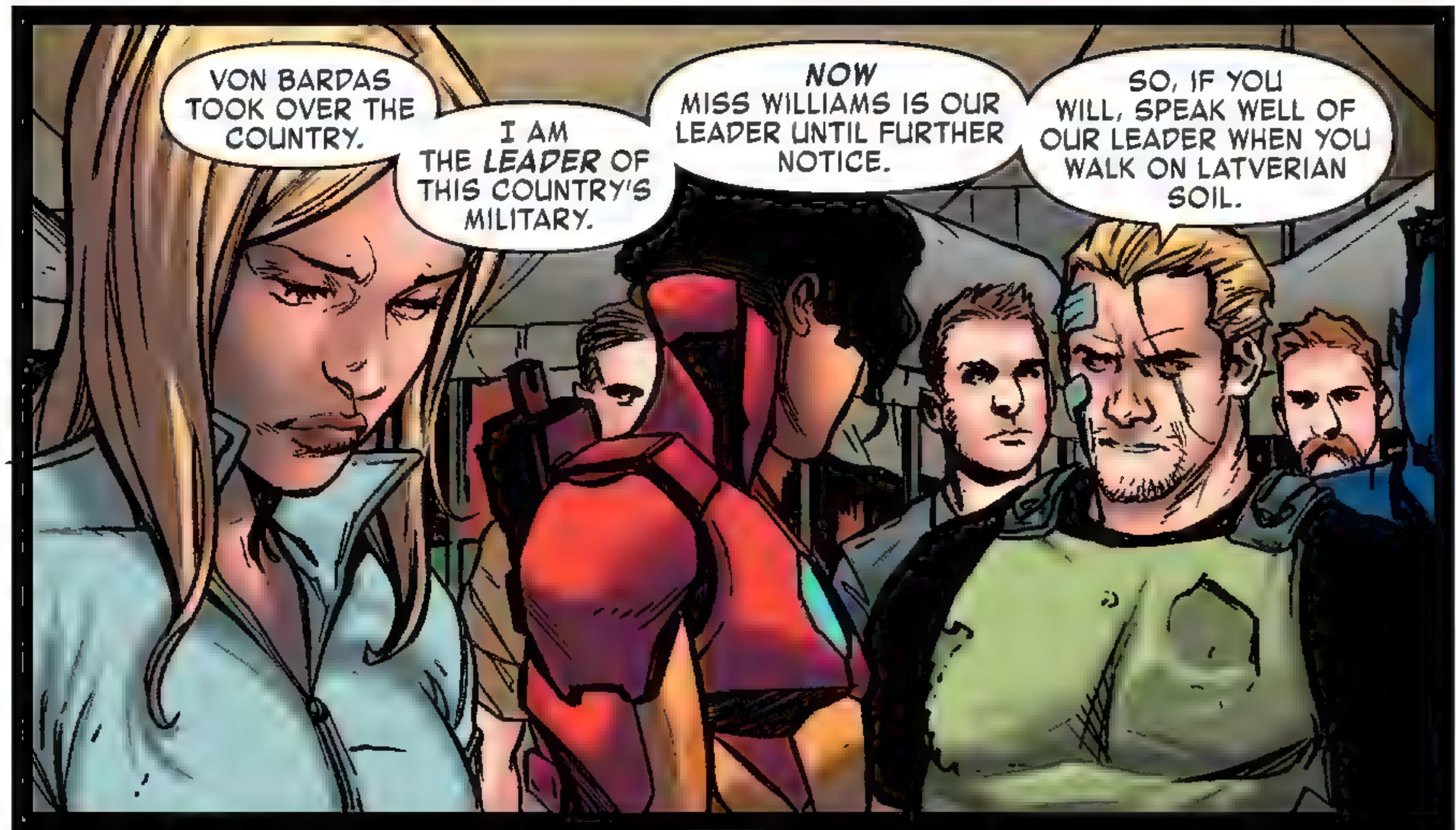
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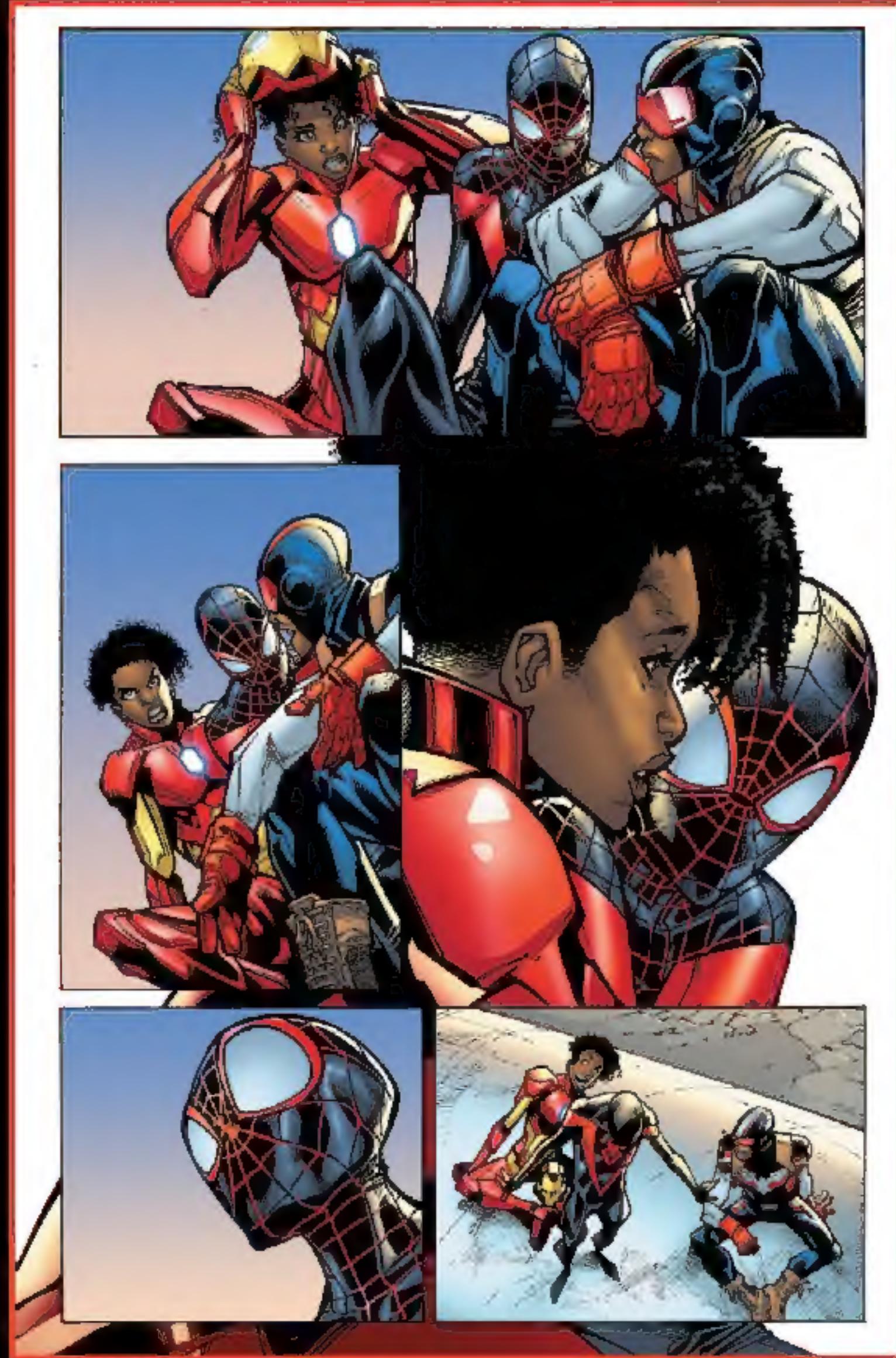


# SOCK IT TO SHELL-HEAD!

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Welcome back, Shell-Heads! Assistant editor Alanna Smith here once again, choosing to answer your questions because it's more fun than doing the mountain of work I've got in front of me right now. Hello there!

I believe I mentioned this in the previous letters page, but just last week, Riri showed up in CHAMPIONS #11--and she looked heckin' gorgeous thanks to Humberto Ramos, Victor Olazaba and Edgar Delgado. Look at our girl go!



You can find it in your comics store now! Be sure to pick it up! And in the meantime, let's get to your letters!

Hi, Alanna.

I'm a Japanese Marvel Comics fan and started reading INVINCIBLE IRON MAN recently (sometimes using a dictionary).

I'm still new to comics so I have lots of things to learn about the Marvel Universe, but reading Riri's story is a lot of fun! (The conversations between Riri and A.I. Tony are especially funny.)

In Japan, Iron Man is a very popular hero too, thanks to the movies. But to be honest, there are only a few people who read American comics in Japan. I wish more Japanese would read Marvel Comics, not only watch movies.

Thank you for these great comics and I'm looking forward to reading more issues!

Kei Iwata

Hey, Kei! I actually grew up reading manga, and for a while I felt like I was one

of the only people reading it, aside from a few cousins and friends--and then, one day, it was suddenly everywhere! Maybe it'll be the same for American comics over there, and you'll wake up one day to find that everyone and their grandmother is reading them! You'll be able to say that you were the cool person who discovered them first, and everyone will come to you for comics wisdom!

Even if that doesn't happen, I hope you find some friends to read comics with soon!

Brian M.,

I love it--an excellent issue, art and story! Big comeback issue (as I usually say)! So is this Lady von Bardas, from Latveria, gonna take a page from Lady Octopus' book and become: Lady Doom?! I bet that actually happens. Or will she be Dr. Bard instead? The cover to IIM #8 seems to suggest that Riri's secret ID is out! The issue wasn't like that...what gives? Nor was this SECRET EMPIRE-related! You're missing out; just saying.

Cheers,  
Andrew J. Shaw

Nah, Lucia's probably gonna stay Lucia--with a name as naturally villain-y as Lucia von Bardas, why wouldn't she? And as for Riri's secret identity, that cover was meant to refer more to her arc as a character (experiencing sudden popularity) than her revealing her identity--which she's really done a terrible job of keeping secret until this point. I think if she tried to have a big reveal party now, everyone would be like, "Were we...not supposed to know who you are?"

Also, Riri's plenty involved in SECRET EMPIRE proper, so anything we did here would have felt a bit redundant. We're still telling her pre-SECRET EMPIRE story at this point, and we wanted to see that through rather than do tie-ins here.

Hi,

Okay, I do like the character Ironheart. The name is really cool, too. Riri is growing on me as a character also, seeing where you guys are going with her. Don't forget the character that made this book great! I hope we don't have to wait too long to see the return of Iron Man. Tony Stark is a great character--a little high and mighty but still a cool character. Someone you hate and love at the same time.

It was AWESOME seeing Rescue again. I love that Pepper Potts is getting her chance to shine. She is a great character, and I for one can't get enough of her. I want to see more of her all over Marvel Universe--even join one of the Avengers teams, maybe A-Force. She was amazing in hand-to-hand combat. She must have been taught by Captain America or by the Black Widow on how to defend and handle herself very well in a fight. I was blown away seeing her in action. Just because A-Force doesn't have a monthly book doesn't mean that they aren't together still. So more A-Force, please.

King Jason

I miss A-FORCE too, Your Majesty--and I hope we get to do more of it! Rescue always came up in discussions about that book, but we were never quite able to get her through the door. It can be hard to change up a team that's so close-knit! Still, I'm sure we'll be seeing more of Pepper in this book sooner or later--she's just too great to stay on the sidelines!

That's all from me for this month! But before I go, a friendly heads-up--GENERATIONS: THE IRON #1 is coming out in a few short weeks, before INVINCIBLE IRON MAN #11, and if you're a fan of Riri AND Tony, you do not want to miss it! Brian's writing and Marco Rudy's on art duties--and here's a sneak peek just for you!



Shh--don't tell Tom I let you see it! I have to flee before he finds me out. Stay cool, and see you next month!

-Invincible Alanna Smith

# NEXT ISSUE:



**FIVE THINGS YOU  
DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT  
TONY STARK!**

